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SUBJECT: INDIAN CCD REPRESENTATIVE'S VIEWS ON CCD SPRING
SESSION.

1. AMB. GHAREKHAN (INDIA'S CCD REP) CAME IN TO SEE AMB.
FISHER (US CCD REP) AT FORMER'S REQUEST. PRIMARY OBJECT
OF VISIT WAS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW)
OR COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) INITIATIVES WOULD BE
READY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CCD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
COMING SESSION WHICH STARTS ON JANUARY 31. FISHER REPLIED
THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT BOTH INITIATIVES MIGHT
BE REFERRED TO THE CCD BEFORE THE END OF THE SESSION, BUT
THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER ONE WOULD BE READY
FOR CCD CONSIDERATION ON JANUARY 31. GHAREKHAN THEN
RAISED, WITHOUT PRESSING, THE POSSIBILITY OF A RECESS IN
THE CCD AFTER IT HAD CONVENED UNTIL THE END OF THE FOURTH
PREPCOM FOR THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD),
IN LATE FEBRUARY. FISHER STATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT
IF THERE WERE A CONSENSUS HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE SUCH A
RECESS. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT ISSUES SEEM LIKELY TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE
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FINAL PREPCOM FOR THE SSOD IN APRIL. THUS, THE FINAL
PREPCOM IS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
AND THERE WILL PROBABLY BE INCREASING PRESSURE TO END THE
COMING CCD SESSION EARLIER THAN PLANNED. FISHER SAID THAT
HE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF CUTTING THE CCD
SESSION OFF AT BOTH ENDS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO GHAREKHAN'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT THE CCD COULD DO, FISHER SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO START WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM THROUGH THE EXISTING AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A CCD WORKING GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID THAT THE USDEL HOPED TO BE IN A POSITION TO PUT FORWARD SOME CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE DURING THE COMING SESSION. SORENSON

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